

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 18, 2006, has been received and carefully considered. In this response, the specification and claim 1 have been amended. Entry of the amendments to the specification and claim 1 is respectfully requested. Reconsideration of the outstanding objections in the present application is also respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

I. THE ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS 1-22

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 1-22 are allowed. Applicant notes with equal appreciation the indication on page 2 of the Office Action that claim 1 would not be objected to if the term "current steering control signal" was amended to read "current steering variable signal (S_α).". While Applicants disagree with the reason for the objection to claim 1, claim 1 has been amended in this manner and thus should now be allowable. Acknowledgment of same is respectfully requested.

II. THE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

An Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying PTO-1449 form were filed on June 30, 2004. There is presently no indication that the Examiner considered all of the references

identified in that Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of all of the references identified in that Information Disclosure Statement by initialing the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialed form to the undersigned.

III. THE OBJECTION TO CLAIM 1

On page 2 of the Office Action, claim 1 was objected to for an informality.

The Examiner asserts that the term "current steering control signal" is not supported by the specification. Applicants respectfully disagree as this term is well supported in the specification (e.g., see Abstract, and paragraph [0012]). However, to maintain term consistency throughout the specification and claims, the specification and claim 1 have been amended.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the aforementioned objection to claim 1 be withdrawn.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The

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Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0206, and please credit any excess fees to the same deposit account.

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